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Dec. 1869

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Brookline,
16 Dec. 1869.

My Dear Bishop,

The Sermon at St. Ann's on the Ascension reached me last week, & I read it on Sunday evening with the greatest interest. You have given your testimony in a manner that cannot fail to make its mark.

I am beginning to doubt whether the Funeral of our great friend will have taken place in Peabody in season for those of us who attend it to be at Washington on the 3^d. Wednesday of

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January. The Monarch
& its consort will come
slowly, & stop somewhere
for coal. It will take
the best part of a week
to complete the ceremo-
nies after the arrival.
If we had foreseen the
course of events, we might
have fixed Boston as the
place of meeting this year
for the Trustees, & sum-
moned them all on to
the funeral. As it is,
I dare say some of the
distant members will
come on. Mr. Macalester
writes me that he is coming.

As our Secretary is absent,
the members must take
informal notice of the
meeting. I will write to
them, as I do now to you;
& if any postponement
is found necessary, I
will telegraph to each
one before the time
arrives. If there should
be no very great detention,
we may all be able to
reach Washington before
the 19th. I pray you
to come prepared to aid
our Southern friends in
shaping an appropriate
tribute. I hardly dare to

ask Joe to come on to the
funeral, glad as we should
all be to see Joe.

My wife unites with
me in affectionate remem-
-brances.

Believe me ever,

Dearest Bishop,

Yours most sincerely,

Rd. S. Mierthrop.

N^t. Res.

C. P. McManis,

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